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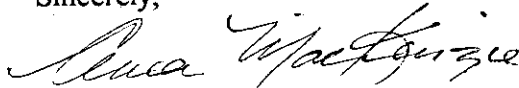
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I would like to take this opportunity to express my concerns and vehement opposition to the placement and transportation of high level nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain. I am certain that you have received many communications regarding the questionable and convoluted science that the DOE and EPA have espoused over the recent past. I will not attempt to discuss that here as there are many experts with far more experience and education in this area who have refuted these issues. However, I am tired of being one of the "silent majority" who have for too long allowed the government to promulgate edicts, rules, regulations, laws and legislation that may not be in the best interest of the people of the United States of America. I believe that the majority of Americans would agree with my views regarding Yucca Mountain if they were aware of the fact that 43 states would be affected by the transportation of high level nuclear waste. While the state of Alaska and their senator, Frank Murkowski, is not one of the affected areas, it is only too magnanimous of him to champion this issue. We hear and read in the media on an almost weekly basis about train derailments and train and truck accidents that involve hazardous chemicals. Why would anyone assume that the transport of nuclear waste would be any safer, especially with the new dawn of terrorist attacks in our country? Yes, the citizens of southern Nevada definitely have a greater fear of stockpiling nuclear waste in our own backyard, less than 100 miles from our families and homes and livelihoods, but every citizen in those 43 states that the waste would pass through should be equally as concerned if only they were educated on the issue. It seems to me that the billions that would be spent on the Yucca Mountain project would be better spent on the potential for transmutation of the waste and the establishment of renewable energy sources.

Sincerely,



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